

Deer Creek Island Resort

People can buy much more to eat than just a packaged sandwich at the new Deer Creek Island Resort, but many of them don't know it, according to owner Doug Wagstaff. In fact, some people have said they thought the beautiful new building was the Wagstaff family home, with a little sports equipment rental business built in the front.

Many who have considered a get away lunch on the lake have hesitated due to the \$3.00 entrance fee. The State Park has taken this into consideration and will waive the fee to those coming obviously for a quiet lunch.

The gate is unattended by 7 p.m. and those coming for fine dining will not be charged.

Doug emphasized that many improvements are scheduled for the Island beach area that will enhance the lake and our valley. The \$3.00 entrance fee is our indication to the state that we are an upcoming area and encourage locals to come and enjoy the lake and support the State Parks.

The usual fast foods — hot dogs, hamburgers, fries, etc. — are available at a takeout window in the Dock of the Bay dining room from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and can be eaten there or on the spacious deck overlooking the lake. Or if you want a relaxing meal, sit down and let our waitress serve you.

After the "hamburger crowd" moves outside at 6 p.m. the dining room is transformed with linen tablecloths and candlelight tablecloths and candlelight for fine dining. At 7 p.m. it reopens to serve steak, seafood and other delicious dishes prepared by Chef Doyle Mair. If diners prefer, they may begin their evening with a shrimp bowl appetizer on the deck.

The relaxing atmosphere guarantees to make even those who tend to eat-and-run pause a while, whether they are enjoying frozen yogurt or broiled lobster. The alpine-style interior and fireplace invite you to linger a while as you gaze out across the lake to watch the Heber Creeper lazily crawl across the mountain, or focus on peaceful Mount Timpanogos as you ponder its lore.

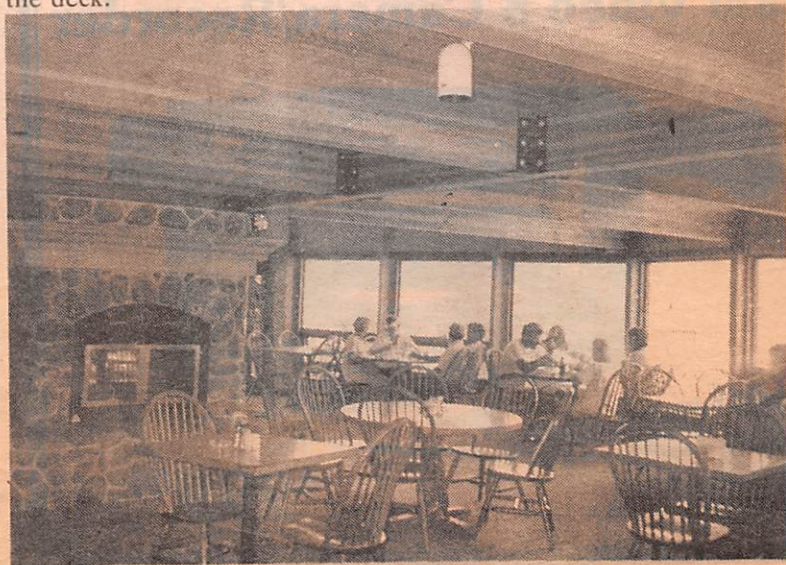
It's a wonderful place for a party and a beautiful setting for a wedding celebration. Doug's wife, Julie, will cater in fine style, preparing whatever you like, from hamburgers to ribs to cornish game hens.

Any passerby can see the resort offers just about everything for water sports enthusiasts. Whatever visitors don't bring with them they can rent from the Wagstaffs, from water ski boats complete with skis and jackets to oar propelled fishing boats. Doug has dubbed his rental mini boats "addictors" because, obviously, they are addicting.

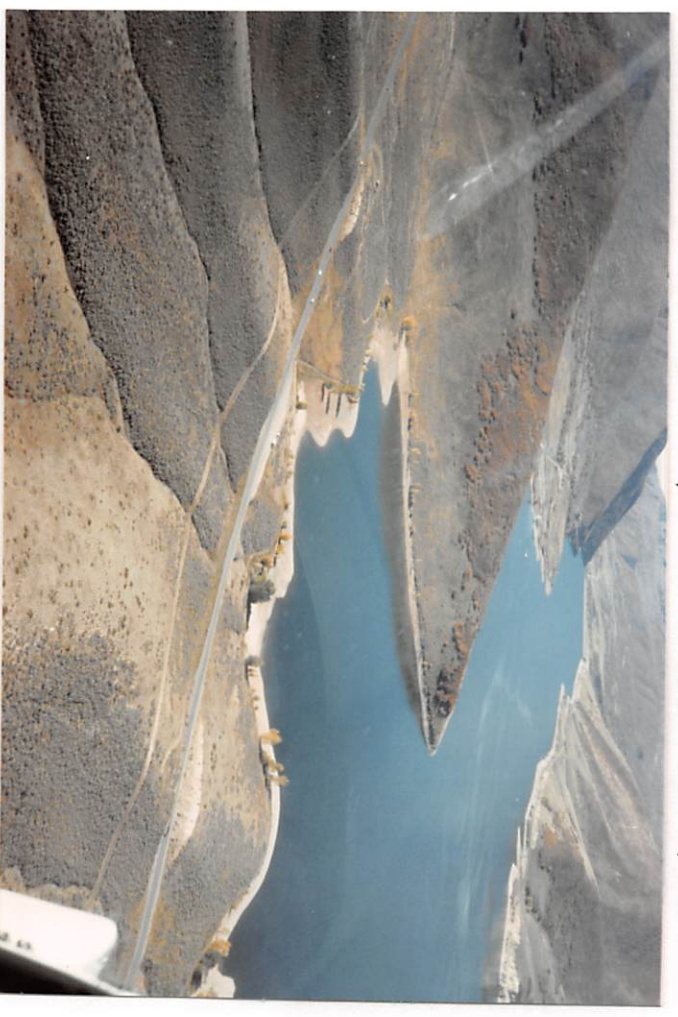
The resort is a Utah State Park and managed by the Parks Department. The Wagstaffs operate as concessionaires.

Doug and Julie also are excited about plans for the winter. The dining room will be open at least a couple of nights a week and parties can be scheduled all year. Snowmobiling, horse-drawn sleigh riding, and ice skating are also in their plans.

The Wagstaffs have created a beautiful and versatile resort which promises to be a major attraction as Heber Valley develops as a recreation and tourism center.



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